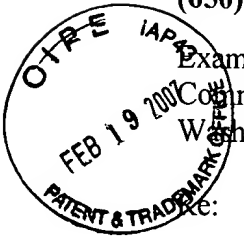


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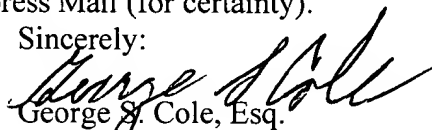
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Re: Patent Application for "A Declarative Method for Business Management"
Application SN 09/476,711
David O. McGoveran, Inventor

Dear Examiner Boyce:

The Final Office Action cited two grounds for rejection, "failing to comply with the enablement requirement" (p. 2 ¶5) and "non-statutory subject matter" (p. 3 ¶7, specifically, "no concrete result"). I believed we were close enough to resolve this with an Amendment after Final, but received no response that indicated this had been approved. Accordingly, I am requesting a Continued Examination to resolve these last minor points, and submit claims amended to meet and traverse these objections. Again, if you do not agree that the claims are prepared to issue, I request a telephone interview at your earliest convenience, within the next two weeks. This response is both being faxed (for your earliest attention) and sent by Express Mail (for certainty).

Sincerely:


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SIR: Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Final Office Action dated 08/18/2006 and Request for Continued Examination for the above application.

☒ Small entity status for this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.


☒ Extension of time as necessary is requested and a payment for the required fee is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any necessary fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-0705 associated with this communication for any related purpose, including: (A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED)

☒ Any additional filing fees required for presentation of extra claims

☒ Any extension or petition fees.

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